

MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LA CRESCENT, MINNESOTA
DECEMBER 23, 2013

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the second meeting of the City Council of the City of La Crescent for the month of December was called to order by Mayor Mike Poellinger at 5:30 PM in the La Crescent City Hall, La Crescent, Minnesota, on Monday, December 23, 2013, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, which was led by members of Boy Scout Troop #33. Upon a roll call taken and tallied by the City Administrator, the following members were present: Members Bernie Buehler, John Graf, Greg Husmann, and Mayor Mike Poellinger. Members absent: Dale Williams, excused. Also present was City Administrator Bill Waller and City Attorney Skip Wieser.

Mayor Poellinger asked if anyone wished to take action to change the agenda as presented. It was requested to delete items #3.2 through #3.6 and to call for a Special City Council Meeting on Monday, January 6, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. to consider these items. Member Buehler made a motion, seconded by Member Graf, as follows:

A MOTION TO APPROVE DELETING ITEMS #3.2 THROUGH #3.6 TO THE PRINTED AGENDA AND TO CALL FOR A SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2014 AT 5:30 P.M. TO CONSIDER THESE ITEMS.

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Administrator, all Members present voted in favor thereof, viz;

Bernie Buehler	Yes
John Graf	Yes
Greg Husmann	Yes
Mike Poellinger	Yes

and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried.

ITEM 1 – CONSENT AGENDA

At this time, the Mayor read the following items to be considered as part of the Consent Agenda for this regular meeting:

- 1.1 MINUTES – DECEMBER 9, 2013
- 1.2 BILLS PAYABLE THROUGH DECEMBER 19, 2013
- 1.3 CASH BALANCE/ACTIVITY REPORT – NOVEMBER 2013
- 1.4 LIBRARY REPORT – NOVEMBER 2013

At the conclusion of the reading of the Consent Agenda, Mayor Poellinger asked if the Council wished to have any of the items removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion. Member Buehler made a motion, seconded by Member Graf, as follows:

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED AND TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL BILLS PAYABLE PRESENTED AT MEETING

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Administrator, all Members present voted in favor thereof, viz;

Bernie Buehler	Yes
John Graf	Yes
Greg Husmann	Yes
Mike Poellinger	Yes

and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried.

ITEM 3.1 – EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT – TREE INVENTORY

Callahan McLellan presented his tree inventory project to Council that he completed for his Eagle Scout project. The information from his project will be included in the request for proposals and the grant close out process that the city will complete as part of the DNR grant that the City received to address the removal and replacement of ash trees. No action taken.

ITEMS 3.2 – 3.6 – DELETED FROM PRINTED AGENDA

ITEM 3.7 – SOLID WASTE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT AND UPDATE

City Attorney Wieser provided an update regarding the Solid Waste transition. This item will be added to the agenda of the January 6, 2014 Special Meeting. No action taken.

ITEM 3.8 – MUTUAL AID AGREEMENTS

City Attorney Wieser reviewed with Council two Mutual Aid Agreements for fire protection services with the City of La Crosse and the City of Onalaska. The City currently has a Mutual Aid Agreement with the Town of Campbell. Both Agreements would need to be approved by the Governor of Minnesota. Also, the La Crosse Council and Onalaska Council would need to approve. It was recommended by Attorney Wieser to approve these Agreements. Following discussion, Member Husmann made a motion, seconded by Member Buehler, as follows:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MUTUAL AID AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE CITY OF LA CRESCENT AND BOTH THE CITY OF ONALASKA AND CITY OF LA CROSSE FOR FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF EACH CITY’S COUNCIL AND GOVERNOR DAYTON OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA.

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Administrator, the following Members present voted in favor thereof, viz;

Bernie Buehler	Yes
John Graf	Yes
Greg Husmann	Yes
Mike Poellinger	Yes

and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried.

ITEM 3.9 – STONEY POINTE BUILDING REVIEW

City Attorney Wieser reviewed with Council the status of the removal of the building located at Stoney Pointe. No action taken.

ITEM 3.10 – 2014 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT – WIESER LAW

Council reviewed an addendum to the Professional Services Agreement with the City Attorney, Wieser Law Office. The addendum specifies hourly charges for service. Following discussion, Member Husmann made a motion, seconded by Member Graf, as follows:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE ADDENDUM TO THE JUNE 2011 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LA CRESCENT AND WIESER LAW OFFICE REGARDING HOURLY CHARGES FOR SERVICES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2014.

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Administrator, all Members present voted in favor thereof, viz;

Bernie Buehler	Yes
John Graf	Yes
Greg Husmann	Yes
Mike Poellinger	Yes

and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried.

ITEM 3.11 – PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES – 12/3/13

Council reviewed the Planning Commission Minutes for their meeting on December 3, 2013. No action taken.

ITEM 3.12 – 2014 LICENSE RENEWALS

Council reviewed a listing presented at the meeting of the license renewals for 2014. All licenses appear to be in order and it is recommended the City Council approve the licenses as presented. The Solid Waste Licenses to Waste Management and Harter's Trash & Recycling does not include bags or recycling service. Following discussion, Member Buehler made a motion, seconded by Member Husmann, as follows:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE PRESENTED LIST OF LICENSE RENEWALS FOR 2014 FOR SOFT DRINK, GAS INSTALLERS, SOLID WASTE NOT INCLUDING BAGS OR RECYCLING SERVICE, MASSAGE BUSINESS AND MASSAGE TECHNICIANS.

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Administrator, all Members present voted in favor thereof, viz;

Bernie Buehler	Yes
John Graf	Yes
Greg Husmann	Yes
Mike Poellinger	Yes

and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried.

ITEM 3.13 – PERSONNEL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Member Husmann gave an overview on behalf of Member Williams of the Personnel Committee. The Personnel Committee is recommending the following:

1. Effective January 1, 2014, the monthly City insurance contribution be increased by \$26 per month for family, and \$14 per month for single for the City Administrator, Finance Director, Police Chief and Golf Course Superintendent; and that the wages for this same group of individuals be increased by 1.0% effective January 1, 2014, and by 1.0% effective July 1, 2014.
2. That the City Council authorize to advertise a part-time Vehicle License Bureau Clerk position that would work 15-20 hours per week in the license bureau.

Following discussion, Member Husmann made a motion, seconded by Member Graf, as follows:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE TWO RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE AS STATED ABOVE.

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Administrator, all Members present voted in favor thereof, viz;

Bernie Buehler	Yes
John Graf	Yes
Greg Husmann	Yes
Mike Poellinger	Yes

and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried.

ITEM 3.14 – 2013 GENERAL FUND BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

This item will be presented at the next Council Meeting. No action taken.

ITEM 8 – CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Chamber thanked the City for support of the Holiday Parade. No action taken.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Member Buehler made a motion, seconded by Member Husmann, to adjourn the meeting. Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Administrator, all Members voted in favor thereof, viz;

Bernie Buehler	Yes
John Graf	Yes
Greg Husmann	Yes
Mike Poellinger	Yes

and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried and the meeting duly adjourned at 5:55 PM.

APPROVAL DATE: _____

SIGNED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Administrator